



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Mr. Steven Ritvo
901 Ursuline Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70116

June 2, 1999

RE: MUR 4898
Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc., and
Thomas C. Delahaye, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Ritvo:

On May 21, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file as it pertains to you. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel J. Roessner, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott E. Thomas".

Scott E. Thomas
Chairman

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

99-04-394-0461

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

RESPONDENT: Steven Ritvo

MUR: 4898

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). The information relates to contributions made in connection with the 1996 primary election to the Mary Landrieu for Senate Committee, Inc. ("Committee").

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §§ 431-451, and Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations prohibit any person from making contributions to any candidate and his or her authorized political committees with respect to any election for federal office which, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A); 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1). Steven Ritvo made contributions to the Committee for the primary election totaling \$3,000, which exceeded his contribution limitation by \$2,000.

Therefore, the Commission has found reason to believe that Steven Ritvo violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by making contributions in excess of his contribution limitation.